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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPLY TO CONGRATULATORY  
MESSAGE FROM COL. QADHAFI

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING REPLY TO MESSAGE  
OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM QADHAFI: QUOTE: DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTENING MESSAGE OF  
GOOD WISHES AS I ASSUME MY NEW RESPONSIBILITIES AS PRESI-  
DENT OF THE UNITED STATES. YOU HAVE MY ASSURANCE THAT THE  
UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE IN ITS COMMITMENT TO WORLD  
PEACE AND THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.  
I WELCOME YOUR POSITIVE REACTION TO MY INAUGURAL ADDRESS,  
AND SHARE WITH YOU THE HOPE THAT GOODWILL AND SINCERE  
EFFORTS WILL LEAD TO COOPERATION FOR THE GOOD OF OUR TWO  
COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE.

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2. FYI: FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER  
RECEIVED UNDER COVER OF LIBYAN EMBASSY NOTE ON JANUARY 22:  
QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY JIMMY CARTER, PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GREETINGS, IT GIVES ME GREAT  
PLEASURE TO RENEW TO YOU IN MY NAME AND IN THE NAME OF  
THE PEOPLE OF THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC MY SINCERE CONTRATU-

LATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. ALSO I WANT TO EXPRESS

MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR INAUGURAL SPEECH.

3. THE SPEECH HAS HAD ITS GREAT IMPRESSION ON ME, BECAUSE  
OF WHAT IT CONTAINED OF CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS WHICH DRAW THE  
LINES OF THE POLICY YOU INTEND TO FOLLOW DURING YOUR  
PRESIDENCY OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY. I PRAY TO ALLAH FROM  
THE DEEP OF MY HEART TO HELP YOU TO FULFILL WHAT YOU  
PLEDGED IN FRONT OF ALLAH, HISTORY AND YOUR GREAT PEOPLE.

4. I WAS IMPRESSED BY WHAT WAS INCLUDED IN YOUR SPEECH, OF  
THE COMMITMENT OF YOUR COUNTRY TO HELP IN THE MAKING OF  
A WORLD OF JUSTICE, PEACE AND REAL HUMANITY, AND YOUR  
CLEAR REFERENCE TO THE ABANDONMENT OF THE POLICIES OF  
THREAT AND INTIMIDATION, AND THAT YOU WILL FIGHT THE WAR  
AGAINST POVERTY, IGNORANCE AND INJUSTICE BECAUSE THEY ARE  
HUMANITY'S REAL ENEMIES. ALSO YOUR REFERENCE TO THE  
NECESSITY TO WORK FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE WEAPONS OF  
KILLING AND DESTRUCTION.

5. YOUR SPEECH, IN FACT, CONTAINED MANY CONSTRUCTIVE AND  
POSITIVE IDEAS WHICH ENCOURAGE US TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT  
A CLOSE COOPERATION FOR THE GOOD OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES, WILL  
BE ESTABLISHED. FURTHERMORE, I AM FULLY SATISFIED WITH  
WHAT YOUR SPEECH CONTAINED OF CONCENTRATION ON THE  
SPIRITUAL AND MORAL VALUES, AND WE, ON OUR PART GIVE GREAT  
IMPORTANCE TO THIS ASPECT IN OUR RELATIONS AND OUR  
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COOPERATION WITH OTHERS, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE OF THE HOLY  
BOOK, WHICH IS IN LINE WITH OUR CONSTITUTION THE HOLY  
KUR'AN "AND NEAREST AMONG THEM IN LOVE TO THE BELIEVERS  
WILT THOU FIND THOSE WHO SAY WE ARE CHRISTIANS BECAUSE  
AMONGST THESE ARE MEN DEVOTED TO LEARNING AND MEN WHO HAVE  
RENOUNCED THE WORLD AND THEY ARE NOT ARROGANT." COL.  
MUAMMAR GADDAFI CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND  
COUNCIL LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC. END QUOTE. END FYI.

6. THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THIS  
EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF COL. QADHAFI  
WISHES TO DO SO.  
HARTMAN

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